# CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. 1.      A method for configuring the language of a Basic Input Output System
2. (BIOS) in a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:
3.      a)      providing a plurality of BIOS images in the computer system, each of
4. the plurality of BIOS images being related to a particular language;
5.      b)      selecting one of the plurality of BIOS images based on the language
6. supported by the computer system; and
7.      c)      utilizing the selected one BIOS image to configure the computer
8. system.

1. 2.      The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of BIOS images are provided via
2. a BIOS select language control program.

1. 3.      The method of claim 1 wherein step b) further comprises:
2.      b1)      querying a keyboard of the computer system to determine the language
3. being supported by the computer system.

1 4.  The method of claim 3 wherein the keyboard comprises a universal serial

2 bus (USB) keyboard.

1 5.  The method of claim 4 wherein the keyboard comprises at least one report

2 descriptor which identifies the language supported by the computer system.

1 6.  The method of claim 5 wherein step b1) further comprises:

2 b1i) querying the at least one report descriptor to determine the language

3 supported by the keyboard.

1 7.  A system for configuring the language of a Basic Input Output System

2 (BIOS) in a computer, the system comprising:

3 means for providing a plurality of BIOS images in the computer system, each of the

4 plurality of BIOS images being related to a particular language;

5 means for selecting one of the plurality of BIOS images based on the language

6 supported by the computer system; and

7 means for utilizing the selected one BIOS image to configure the computer system.

1 8.  The system of claim 7 wherein the plurality of BIOS images are provided via

2 a BIOS select language control program.

1  9.    The system of claim 8 wherein the selecting means includes means for
2  querying a keyboard to determine the language being supported by the computer.

1  10.    The system of claim 9 wherein the keyboard comprises a universal serial bus
2  (USB) keyboard.

1  11.    The system of claim 7 wherein the keyboard includes at least one report
2  descriptor which identifies the language supported by the computer.

1  12.    The system of claim 11 wherein the at least one report descriptor is queried
2  to determine the language supported by the keyboard.

1  13.    A computer readable medium containing program instructions for configuring
2  the language of a Basic Input Output System (BOIS) in a computer system, the
3  program instructions comprising the steps of:

4  a)    providing a plurality of BIOS images in the computer system, each of the
5  plurality of BIOS images being related to a particular language;
6  b)    selecting one of the plurality of BIOS images based on the language
7  supported by the computer system; and
8  c)    utilizing the one selected BIOS image to configure the computer system.

1  14.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the plurality of BIOS

2  images are provided via a BIOS select language control program.

3  15.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein step b) further

4  comprises:

5   b1)   querying a keyboard of the computer system to determine the language

6  being supported by the computer system.

1  16.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the keyboard comprises

2  a universal serial bus (USB) keyboard.

1  17.   The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein the keyboard includes

2  at least one report descriptor wherein the at least one report descriptor identifies a

3  language supported by the computer system.

1  18.   The computer readable medium of claim 17 wherein step (b1) further

2  comprises:

3   (b1i)   querying the at least one report descriptor to determine the language

4  supported by the keyboard.

1  19.   The keyboard of claim 18 wherein the at least one report descriptor is

2  capable of being queried upon initialization of a computer system, to determine a

3  language being supported by the keyboard.

1      20.     A keyboard comprising:

2      a port for receiving a query; and

3      a plurality of device descriptor files stored within the keyboard; the plurality of

4      device descriptor files including a report descriptor that identifies the language

5      supported by the computer system based on the query.

1      21.     The keyboard of claim 20 wherein the at least one report descriptor is

2      capable of being queried upon initialization of a computer system, to determine a

3      language being supported by the keyboard.

1      22.     The keyboard of claim 21 wherein the port comprises a universal serial bus

2      (USB) port.